

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 4 to 6 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, amend Claims 1 to 3 and 7 to 8, and add new Claims 10 to 13 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of controlling printing in an information processing apparatus communicating with a printing apparatus ~~a printing system having a banner printing function and a function for combining multiple print jobs~~, comprising:

a first generation step of combining a plurality of print jobs including print data for printing pages of a document and banner print data for banner printing to generate combination print data in which the print data has been combined without using the banner print data;

a second generation step of generating new banner print data for the combination print data generated in the first generation step;

~~a processing step of processing data for banner printing separately of multiple items of print data when multiple print jobs that include banner printing are combined and prescribed manipulation settings are specified;~~

~~a combining step of combining the multiple items of print data into a single item of print data; and~~

~~an output step of outputting the combination print data and new data for banner print data to the printing apparatus as a single print job processed at said processing step and the print data that has been combined.~~

2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein, in the first generation step the combination print data is generated by disabling data on execution of banner printing included in the plurality of print jobs ~~the data for banner printing is deleted and a single item of data for banner printing is created anew at said processing step.~~

3. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising a setting step of setting layout information on a number of pages laid out on a print sheet for the single print job,

wherein the layout information is applied to the combination print data without being applied to the banner print data, and the single print job is outputted to the printing apparatus in the output step ~~prescribed manipulation setting are specified with respect to the combined print data.~~

4. to 6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus communicating with ~~of a printing system comprising the information processing apparatus and a printing apparatus and having a banner printing function and a function for combining multiple print jobs,~~ said information processing apparatus comprising:

a first generation unit adapted to combine a plurality of print jobs including print data for printing pages of a document and banner print data for banner printing to generate combination print data in which the print data has been combined without using the banner print data;

a second generation unit adapted to generate new banner print data for the combination print data generated by said first generation unit;

~~processing means for processing data for banner printing separately of multiple items of print data when multiple print jobs that include banner printing are combined and prescribed manipulation settings are specified;~~

~~combining means for combining the multiple items of print data into a single item of print data; and~~

an output unit adapted to output the combination print data and new banner print data to the printing apparatus as a single print job ~~means for outputting the data for banner printing processed at said processing means and the print data that has been combined.~~

8. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program for causing a computer to implement the printing control method set forth in claim 1.

9. (Canceled)

10. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the banner print data is data indicating designation of banner printing or banner pages.

11. (New) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said first generation unit generates the combination print data by disabling data on execution of banner printing included in the plurality of print jobs.

12. (New) The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a setting unit adapted to set layout information on a number of pages laid out on a print sheet for the single print job, wherein the layout information is applied to the combination print data without being applied to the banner print data, and the single print job is outputted to the printing apparatus by said output unit.

13. (New) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the banner print data is data indicating designation of banner printing or banner pages.